



Independence  
CHARTER SCHOOL

PTA

## Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to the Fall Club Schedule. As you may know, this year the after school clubs will be organized and managed by your fun-loving PTA (holy cow – what were we thinking?) This is new territory for us, so we thank you in advance for your patience and good humor as we navigate through this new endeavor. Our main goal is to offer a variety of fun and educational after school options for your children.

How are clubs this year different from previous years?

- This year we are charging a \$60 club fee for the 10-week Fall trimester. In the past, the school had used Stimulus money for after school clubs, but those funds have been spent and no more are coming our way in the near future. This fee covers salaries for our club teachers plus money for snacks for our “clubbers”. (If anyone was wondering, **this is not a fundraiser** – just a much-needed service we would like to offer.)
- Some clubs start a bit earlier than others. This is due to the fact that our ICS teachers who are teaching clubs can't start until 4pm. Non-ICS teachers are able to start a bit earlier and will be picking up their club children at 3:45. Clubs finish up at 5pm, and the students will be escorted to Lombard Street for pick-up.
- **Registration is limited** to between 15 to 20 kids per club.
- Registration will be on a first **come-first serve basis**.
- Parents/Guardians will also be required to sign a liability release and a behavior contract (attached). **A strict “three strikes” policy will be enforced**, particularly as it applies to late pickup.
- We are pleased to introduce “Science Explorers” to ICS this year. Science Explorers is an innovative, hands-on science company dedicated to providing an opportunity for children ages 4-11 to become engaged in the wonders of science. Whether it's an after-school program, science summer camp, school assembly, or scout badge earning event, Science Explorers can make science cool and exciting through their interactive, hands-on format. They will be hosting a science club at ICS on Monday afternoons. **Please note that they have a separate registration form**. This club will cost \$160 for the 10-week session, which includes all materials and staffing.
- In addition to the after-school clubs, the PTA is excited to offer the chance to students and their parents or caregivers to come **play and socialize on the play yard on Friday afternoons**. There will be no fee for this activity.

**A parent or caregiver MUST accompany any child who plans on participating.** We are also limited in the number of families that we can accommodate, so it is important and necessary that you sign up with the PTA by emailing [pta@icscharter.com](mailto:pta@icscharter.com) by the Wednesday of the week you will be planning on joining friends in the play yard.

Participating students will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time to a parent or caregiver waiting on Lombard Street. Once regular dismissal is complete, the participating families can enter the play yard from Lombard Street.

- ***Please note that sibling care will not be provided. The PTA is unable to offer the service at this time.***

Fall clubs will run from **Tuesday, October 11 to Monday, December 19, 2011**. This club request form must be signed and returned to the front office (attention PTA Clubs) with your payment by Monday, October 3.

**For more info, contact Susan Burrows at [susanb@icscharter.com](mailto:susanb@icscharter.com) or Maureen Eagen at [moeagen@comcast.net](mailto:moeagen@comcast.net), or 215-498-6195.**

# Club Registration

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Advisory Tr. \_\_\_\_\_

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scrabble, Grades 4-8 (3:45) Bernice Sherman	Chess, Grades 3-5 (3:45) Tr. Auston	Chess, Grades 6-8 (2:45) Tr. Auston	Drama, Grades 4-8 (4:00) Tr. LaVeta	No clubs
<i>Science Explorers, Grades 3-5 (4:00) Tr. Julie (use sep. form)</i>	CAYA, Girls Grades 4-5 (3:45) Karima Roepel	Yoga, Grades 3-4 (2:45) Josephine Hing	CAYA, Girls Grades 6-8 (3:45) Karima Roepel	
Spanish Fun, Grades 3-5 (4:00) M. Kelly	Book Club, Grades 3-5 (4:00) Tr. Andrea R.	Spanish Fun, Grades 3-5 (4:00) M. Kelly	B-Ball Grades 3-5 (4:00) Tr. Jeff	
Basketball, Grades 6-8 (4:00) Tr. Jeff	Choir, Grades 4-8 (4:00) M. Ronith	Book Arts, Gr. 4-5 (2:45) Marilyn MacGregor	Cultural Connections, Gr. 5-8 (4:00) Andrea R.	

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Number of Clubs:				_____
Amount Paid (\$60 per 10-week club.):				_____
<i>(Checks are acceptable and can be made out to ICS PTA)</i>				

## Important Club Dismissal Information

**My child (name) \_\_\_\_\_ will go home in the following way:**

At pickup he/she will (choose one):

- be picked up by a parent/guardian in front of the school;
- take SEPTA home (Middle School Students Only);
- walk to meet me at my place of employment (Middle School Students Only).

If your child will be picked up by someone other than a parent/guardian, please note names of authorized person/people. ID may be requested at time of pick-up. \_\_\_\_\_

This signature indicates my permission for my child to participate in the after-school club program, and my instructions regarding his/her travel home.

**PARENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_